

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

31 Claim 20 (amended) The clothes hanger as claimed in claim 11, wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.

REMARKS

Claims 11-30 are in the instant application of which claims 11-17 and 21-30 are allowed. Claims 18-20 are rejected. To put the case in condition for allowance, claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claim 20 has been amended to be dependent on allowed claim 11. Support for the amendment to claim 20 is found among other places in the claims on file and in the originally filed claims. Based on the forgoing, Applicant respectfully requests admittance of the amendment to claim 20, and consideration and allowance of claim 20.

The Office Action in Item 4 of Form PTO-326 indicates that claims 1-30 are in the instant application and that claims 1-10 are withdrawn from consideration. Applicant brings attention to the fact that claims 1-10 were cancelled by the Preliminary Amendment deposited in the mail on September 10, 2001.

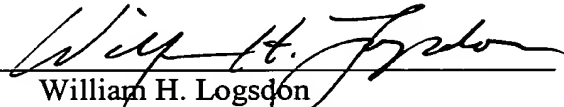
Applicant notes that the IPE Report has been submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (Confirmation No. 3959, mailed October 24, 2001), and further notes that French Patent Nos. 2,779,630 and 2,719,207 and U.S. Patent No. 4,593,839 ("Documents") identified in the IPE Report are not listed on the Notice of References Cited Form PTO 892. Applicant respectfully requests that the Documents be made of record in the instant application.

This amendment represents a sincere effort to put this application in condition for allowance. In the event issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned before further action is taken on the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM

Claim 20 (amended) The [hook] clothes hanger as claimed in claim 11 [19],
wherein the hook is manufactured in the form of a plastic injection molded part.